

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for monitoring the performance of a digital networked system, wherein nodes are executing in components in the networked system, wherein the nodes provide information on at least one aspect of the functioning of a component in the server system, wherein the nodes are organized as multiple groups, the method comprising  
generating a value indicating performance of a first component by a node in a first group;  
transferring the value to a second node in a second group;  
modifying the value to indicate performance of a second component;  
and  
using the modified value to indicate performance of the digital networked system.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein nodes include a system-level object.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein nodes include a transaction-level object.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein groups include pools of nodes.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein a pool includes a functional resource pool.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein a user input device is used to generate signals in response to a human action, the method further comprising  
receiving signals from the user input device to indicate that a connection between two pools is desired; and  
creating connections between any functional resource pools in the two pools.
7. An apparatus for monitoring the performance of a digital networked system, wherein the apparatus includes a processor for executing instructions for obtaining information in a digital networked system, wherein nodes are executing in components in the networked system, wherein the nodes provide information on at least one aspect of the functioning of a component in the server system, wherein the nodes are organized as multiple groups, the apparatus comprising  
one or more instructions for generating a value indicating performance of a first component by a node in a first group;  
one or more instructions for transferring the value to a second node in a second group;

one or more instructions for modifying the value to indicate performance of a second component; and  
one or more instructions for using the modified value to indicate performance of the digital networked system.

8. A computer-readable medium comprising a method for monitoring the performance of a digital networked system, wherein nodes are executing in components in the networked system, wherein the nodes provide information on at least one aspect of the functioning of a component in the server system, wherein the nodes are organized as multiple groups, the computer-readable medium comprising

one or more instructions for generating a value indicating performance of a first component by a node in a first group;

one or more instructions for transferring the value to a second node in a second group;

one or more instructions for modifying the value to indicate performance of a second component; and

one or more instructions for using the modified value to indicate performance of the digital networked system.

9. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, the computer data signal comprising one or more instructions for generating a value indicating performance of a first component by a node in a first group;

one or more instructions for transferring the value to a second node in a second group;

one or more instructions for modifying the value to indicate performance of a second component; and

one or more instructions for using the modified value to indicate performance of the digital networked system.